

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING BEATRICE WALTERS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the tireless contributions of one of my constituents, Beatrice Walters. After graduating high school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Beatrice Borowski went to work for International Harvester. There she was a turret lathe operator, building parts for gyroscopes for torpedoes in support of the war effort. When she enlisted in the U.S. Army in April 1945, Basic Training was in Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Beatrice's subsequent assignments were at Camp Atterbury, Indiana and Army Air Base Santa Ana in California. These assignments eventually took her to Pratt General Hospital which had been converted for the war as it was previously the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. Rest and Relaxation excursions included a trip to Cuba. She would remain at Pratt General as a Nurse Assistant until mustering out of the Army in June 1947. Upon her return to Milwaukee, Beatrice went back to work for International Harvester in the Human Resources department. On May 8 1948, Beatrice Borowski married Robert Walters. Together, they raised eight children. Beatrice ran the large household primarily on her own as her husband, Robert, was often deployed to sea. Through her own example, Beatrice instilled a passion for public service within her children. While she was very busy raising her family, Beatrice found time to volunteer in several organizations including: Holy Name Monastery in St Leo, Florida, as a Cub Scout Den Mother in several communities throughout the country, and as part of the Citrus High School Athletic booster club. Following in her footsteps of service, one of her children, James Walters, has served as the Police Chief of Dade City, Florida for many years.

It is my pleasure to recognize her and her family's service to our Nation on this special occasion.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIR PAY ACT OF 2023

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, March 14th is Equal Pay Day, marking the number of additional days a woman must work to earn what a man earned the prior year. The 1963 Equal Pay Act (EPA), the first of the great civil rights statutes of the 1960s, has grown creaky with age and needs updating to reflect the new workforce, in which women work as much as men.

What may be the best case for a stronger and updated EPA occurred in Congress in 2003, when female custodians in the House and Senate won an EPA case after showing that female workers were paid a dollar less per hour for doing the same or similar work as male workers. Had those women not been represented by their union, they would have had an almost impossible task in using the rules for bringing and sustaining an EPA class action lawsuit.

My own experience as the first woman to chair the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission afforded me the opportunity to enforce the EPA. However, if women are to get equal pay, they need the Fair Pay Act (FPA). I again introduce this bill on behalf of the average female worker, who is often first steered to, and then locked into, jobs with wages that are deeply influenced by the gender of individuals who have traditionally held such jobs. Much of the wage inequality women experience today is because of employer-steering and deeply rooted wage stereotypes, which result in wages paid according to gender and not according to the skill necessary to do the job. I introduce the FPA because the pay disparity most women face today stems mainly from the segregation of women and men in different jobs and paying women in female-dominated jobs systematically less. Almost half of American women work in just three areas: sales/clerical, service and factories. We need more aggressive strategies to break through the societal barriers present throughout history the world over, as well as employer-steering based on gender, which is as old as paid employment itself.

The FPA would require that if men and women are doing comparable work, they must be paid comparable wages. If a woman, for example, is an emergency services operator, a female-dominated profession, she should not be paid less than a fire dispatcher, a male-dominated profession, simply because each of these jobs has been dominated by one gender. If a woman is a social worker, a traditionally female occupation, she should not earn less than a probation officer, a traditionally male job, simply because of the gender associated with each of these jobs.

The FPA would not tamper with the legal burden. Under the FPA, as under the EPA, the burden would be on the plaintiff to prove discrimination. The plaintiff must show that the reason for the disparate treatment is gender discrimination, not legitimate market factors.

Remedies to achieve comparable pay for men and women are not radical or unprecedented. State governments, in red and blue states alike, have shown that it is possible to eliminate the part of the pay gap that is due to job-steering. Many state governments have adjusted wages for female-dominated professions, raising pay for teachers, nurses, clerical workers, librarians and other female-dominated jobs that paid less than comparable male-dominated jobs. Minnesota, for example, implemented a pay equity plan when it found

that traditionally female jobs paid 20 percent less than comparable traditionally male jobs. There may well be some portion of the gender wage gap that is traceable to market factors, but states have shown that you can tackle the gender discrimination-based wage gap without interfering in the market system. States generally have closed the wage gap over a period of four to five years at a one-time cost of no more than three to four percent of payroll.

In addition, many female workers achieve pay equity through collective bargaining, and countless employers provide it on their own as they see women shifting out of vital female-dominated occupations as a result of the shortage of skilled workers, as well as because of the unfairness to women. Unequal pay has been built into the way women have been treated since Adam and Eve. To dislodge such deep-seated and pervasive treatment, we must go to the source, the traditionally female occupations, where pay is linked with gender and always has been.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING NORTH COUNTRY VETERAN HENRY CUMMINGS' LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a lifetime of service of Mr. Henry Cummings. Mr. Cummings is a lifelong civil servant and U.S. Army veteran who has spent 40 years of his life dedicated to protecting our country's freedom.

Mr. Cummings' military journey began with his training at Fort Dix, where he was assigned to the Joint Military Assistance Command in Saigon. He completed two tours in Korea and one in Germany and was promoted from personnel clerk to personnel supervisor.

Following his military career, Mr. Cummings remained at Fort Dix and transitioned into Human Resources. In recognition of his combined 40 years of selfless service and dedication to his country, he received multiple letters of commendation and honors, including but not limited to, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Throughout both his military and civilian careers, Mr. Cummings dedicated himself to protecting our country's interests at home and abroad. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize Henry Cummings' extraordinary life and thank him for his 40 years of service.

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HONORING JENNIFER MOORE

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Moore as part of Women's History Month.

Jennifer has dedicated her life to representing people who have been injured as a result of medical negligence, harmful drugs and devices, and other personal injuries. As the founder of her own law firm, she never backs down from a fight and is always willing to give a voice to the voiceless. I thank Jennifer for her tireless advocacy in our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PAY EQUITY FOR ALL ACT OF 2023**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Pay Equity for All Act of 2023, which would help reduce the gender and racial pay gap by prohibiting employers from asking job applicants for their salary history before making a job or salary offer. Even though many employers may not intentionally discriminate against applicants or employees based on gender, race or ethnicity, setting wages based on salary history can reinforce the wage gap. Members of historically disadvantaged groups often start their careers with unfair and artificially low wages compared to their white male counterparts, and the disparities are compounded from job to job throughout their careers. In the last two Congresses, the House has passed this bill as part of the Paycheck Fairness Act.

This bill would help ensure that salaries are based on skills and merit, not on salary history, by assessing penalties against employers that ask applicants for their salary history during the interview process or as a condition of employment. It would also provide job applicants and employees with a private right of action against employers that violate these provisions.

There is much work to be done to address the wage gap. This bill would be an important step in reducing the wage gap.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING BRENDA SANTANA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Brenda Santana was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and relocated to Florida as an adult. She learned English as a second language while in school. Brenda loves helping people learn and understand the Spanish language. Her dedica-

tion won her several poetry awards. At school, she could be found tutoring her fellow students on Spanish grammar and sentence composition. Today, Brenda lends her skills to the Orange County Library System as a technology trainer. Her students ached to learn Spanish and Brenda instituted Spanish language classes at the Southeast Branch in 2017. During the pandemic, Brenda offered a new way to learn with virtual learning. Students of all ages attend her classes. Brenda's pioneering spirit expanded all over the county as she trained other OCLS staff to offer more online classes.

In 2022, the Southeast Branch saw an average of 36 students per class, the highest attendance record in OCLS history. Brenda's commitment to the community has been evident in her response to customer feedback as she prioritizes their needs.

As a technology trainer, Brenda has an open-door policy in between classes to assist students with tech-related questions. Brenda focuses on her students by hosting life skill tech classes, such as assistive technology like using the GPS feature on their phones. In these workshops, students are provided a hands-on experience using the tools and devices to boost their quality of life. In January alone, the overall attendance for her computer classes was 377.

Brenda Santana has received positive praise and feedback from her students regarding the way she responds to their suggestions and feedback. She continues to evaluate the needs of the community and provide options that inspire and change lives.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOHN RUGGE AS THE 34TH ANNUAL J. WALTER JUCKETT AWARD HONOREE**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. John Rugge, this year's recipient of the Annual J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award. Dr. Rugge is the founder of Hudson Headwaters Health Network, a community of 21 health centers dedicated to providing medical services to communities across Upstate New York and the North Country.

Dr. Rugge began work as a supervising physician at the Glens Falls Hospital in 1974. He originally intended to stay at the post for only six months, but when he noticed the need for consistent medical care in many North Country communities, he realized he had found his life's calling. That year, he established the Hudson Headwaters Health Network, and today, the network provides medical services to over 150,000 patients in Northeastern New York.

Under Dr. Rugge's dutiful leadership, Hudson Headwaters quickly became an example for other medical providers. Over the course of his career, he partnered with policymakers from over 40 different government advisory panels, task forces, and councils to address how best to improve the quality of healthcare available to underserved communities across the country.

Dr. Rugge's dedication to his community and passion for providing accessible medical

care have made him a pillar of Upstate New York. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, it is my honor to celebrate the 34th Annual J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award recipient, Dr. John Rugge.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SALARY TRANSPARENCY ACT**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Salary Transparency Act, which would require employers to provide the salary range for jobs in advertisements and interviews and to existing employees.

Several states have enacted laws relating to salary range disclosure, and the federal government should follow their lead and make this a nationwide requirement. Salary transparency is an important tool to combat the gender and race wage gap. Salary secrecy facilitates both intentional and unintentional pay discrimination and perpetuates the wage gap.

Studies have consistently shown that when women negotiate for their salaries, they negotiate for less than similarly situated men. Frequently, this is because the salary they request is a certain percentage higher than their current salary. Because women on average make less than men, this practice perpetuates the wage gap. The same is true for people of color, who earn less on average than their white counterparts. Requiring employers to disclose the salary range for a position will help eliminate this harmful portion of the negotiation and lead to a reduction in the wage gap for women and minorities.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

RECOGNIZING PATTI GARTLAND**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Patti Gartland. Patti is retiring this May from her role as president of the Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation.

Patti has led the Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation (GSDC) for the past 10 years. During that time, she oversaw the considerable economic expansion of the Greater St. Cloud region. Part of her efforts to increase the visibility of the area included the launch of GreaterStCloudJobSpot.com, a local job board that is updated daily with thousands of local jobs. She was also integral to the development of St. Cloud Shines, a digital marketing initiative that has attracted more than 170 million impressions online.

Before joining the GSDC, Patti served as the city administrator for Sartell for nearly 12 years, where she helped coordinate emergency response efforts following the tragic paper mill explosion. Prior to that, Patti worked for the City of St. Cloud for 15 years, the last 13 of which she served as the city's planning director. Since 2014, Patti has been a member

of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, serving as its vice chair. In this role, she has continued to advocate for our community and was partially responsible for creating the St. Cloud Regional Airport Authority, expanding service to our region.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Patti for many years. I thank Patti, for the incredible impact she has had on the Greater St. Cloud region. On behalf of Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District, I wish her all the best and hope she enjoys her well-deserved retirement.

HONORING REBECCA JACKSON

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rebecca Jackson as part of Women's History Month.

In 1998, Rebecca Jackson made history as the first woman elected Jefferson County judge executive. Her decades-long commitment to Louisville as an educator, activist, and public servant is nothing short of inspirational. I thank Rebecca for her service to our community.

CELEBRATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE IN SERVICE OF VETERAN HAROLD WILLIAMS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Army Technical Sergeant Harold Williams' 100 years of life and honor his illustrious military career.

As a young man, Harold dropped out of school and began working to help support his family during the Great Depression. In 1942, he enlisted in the Army and served in the 1st Infantry Division of the 62nd Armored Field Battalion as a forward observer and a radio operator. During his military service, he participated in both the African and European Theaters of war. Notably, Harold fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was among the first wave of young Americans to storm the beaches of Normandy on D-Day. This act of bravery at Normandy helped turn the tide against the Nazis.

During his remarkable military career, Harold received many recognitions for his service. He earned both the American Theatre and European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Medals, as well as an Army Occupation-Germany Medal, a Republic of France Certificate, and a Presidential Unit Citation. Following the end of World War II, Harold retired from active-duty service and started his second career working for the United States Postal Service. He also earned his high school diploma in 2021 and was inducted into the New York Senate's Veterans Hall of Fame a year later at the age of 99.

Harold's life is a shining example of service for all Americans. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to celebrate a

decorated American veteran's 100th year of life.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NOAH DANIELS

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a true American patriot, Mr. Noah Daniels.

Born during the post-Great War peace, Mr. Daniels lived a quiet life until World War II began. Wanting to serve, Mr. Daniels desired to join the military, but at his mother's direction, he entered tech school.

For hands-on training, Mr. Daniels was sent to Ft. Knox where he later entered the civil service. This proved fortuitous, as Mr. Daniels was instrumental in preparing General Patton's tanks to secure a victory over Germany's feared Desert Fox, Rommel.

Following his time at Ft. Knox, Mr. Daniels joined the Navy and then the Coast Guard, serving throughout North America and the Pacific on several ships, including the USS *Ingham*.

Notably, during his time in the Coast Guard, Mr. Daniels designed the 'chain stop' to help with servicing the marker buoys in inland waterways—a design later patented by the Coast Guard and used throughout the U.S. fleet. The ingenuity and work ethic necessary to create the chain stop led to Mr. Daniels' promotion to First Class Petty Officer.

After completing his military service in 1964, Mr. Daniels moved to Central Florida where he and his family live today. Mr. Daniels is the proud father of former Congresswoman Sandy Adams, a good friend to Katie and I, who previously served in the Florida House of Representatives and the United States Air Force.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Noah Daniels, a man of renowned honor, courage, and patriotism as he approaches his 100th birthday on June 30, 2023. May his next trip around the sun be his best one yet.

Happy birthday, my friend.

HONORING CRYSTAL BETHEA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Crystal Bethea, CEO and franchisor of C3 Wellness Spa, is a loving wife to Marcus Bethea, CFO to C3, and proud mother to their daughter, Aryes Marie. She's an Army veteran dedicated to giving back to the Orlando/Kissimmee communities and empowering its members to live healthy, active lives.

Bethea is a licensed cosmetologist for over 20 years and a medical massage therapist with over 25 certifications that helped master her craft. She is passionate about holistic health and has seen its positive impacts on

herself and her family. This has motivated her to write and teach about natural alternatives for a healthier lifestyle. Bethea feels it is her life's purpose to continue to spread holistic wellness knowledge and practices nationwide to families and communities.

Bethea is grateful to have two C3 Wellness Spa locations and has created a franchise from their holistic brand concept to expand nationwide. They are now proud members of the 4 percent of Black-owned franchises in America.

Inspired by a long line of nurses and veterans in her family, Bethea served in the United States Army. She is a soror of Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority Inc., an organization of dedicated, elite professional women being of service. Bethea has served on its national paraphernalia staff and she now serves as treasurer of the organization's Orlando cluster. Their efforts include feeding the unhoused, assisting with community events, and providing supplies for the youth.

Bethea is a trustee of the Florida Association of Veteran-Owned Businesses, which supports and advocates for veteran entrepreneurs. She was recently awarded the Eagle Award as leadership chair for the Osceola Chamber of Commerce's Poinciana Area Council. They best exemplified the Chamber's mission, vision, and values throughout the year providing business connections, scholarships, and school supplies to local teens. Bethea is also a platinum sponsor of the Association of Poinciana Villages and a longtime volunteer for Miles of Help Through Christ.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF NORTH COUNTY CIVIL SERVANT COLONEL JOAN "JOHNNIE" PANTANELLI

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the incredible life and legacy of Colonel Joan "Johnnie" Pantanelli. Colonel Pantanelli was a lifelong civil servant and a dedicated leader in the Civil Air Patrol, as well as a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal for her fortitude of spirit.

Colonel Pantanelli was a trailblazer for women in civil service. She began her career in the Marine Corps Reserves in 1944 and dedicated the rest of her life to public service. Colonel Pantanelli went on to join the Civil Air Patrol and spent the next 80 years of her life working towards fulfilling its mission of serving communities, saving lives, and shaping futures. In 2015, she was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for her service as a World War II mission observer who flew coastal patrol missions in search of German submarines.

Moving up in the ranks of the Civil Air Patrol, she earned the titles of Squadron Commander and Colonel. Colonel Pantanelli completed each of the five levels in the Civil Air Patrol Training and Education program and also held the rating of "Master" in the Command and Cadet Program specialty tracks. Her achievements eventually led to the squadron she once served in being renamed in her honor, the Colonel Johnnie Pantanelli Composite Squadron.

Colonel Pantanelli loved her country unconditionally and her legacy will live on in the hearts of all those she impacted during her many years of selfless service. On behalf of New York's 21st District, it is my honor to remember and celebrate the life of Colonel Johnnie Pantanelli.

HONORING DENISE CLAYTON

HON. MORGAN McGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Denise Clayton for her incredible service to Kentucky's Third District.

As a Louisville native and graduate of the University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law, Denise was the first Black woman to serve on the Kentucky Court of Appeals, which she currently serves on as chief justice. Her dedication to break down barriers serves as an inspiration to many across Louisville. I thank Denise for her commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING LUCY BILLINGSLEY

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lucy Billingsley, a trailblazer in the real estate space and a legendary North Texan. Lucy has been selected to receive the Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award from Texas Woman's University.

In 1978, Lucy and her husband Henry founded the Billingsley Company to manage their growing real estate portfolio. Thanks to their innovative approach and grit, the Billingsleys have become some of the most sought-after developers in Texas, and their company has received numerous awards for design excellence.

In addition to her work as a commercial real estate developer and business owner, Lucy has remained civically involved and has served our community through her involvement on numerous boards and advisory committees. Lucy's tenacity has brought great economic opportunity to North Texas, and her civic leadership has forever bettered our community.

Lucy has received many other prestigious accolades for her work, including being inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame, the Junior Achievement of Dallas Business Hall of Fame, the North Texas Commercial Association of REALTORS Hall of Fame and was awarded the 2013 H. Neil Mallon Award presented by the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth. Lucy also has been recognized by Commercial Real Estate Women as a distinguished leader in commercial real estate.

I thank Lucy for going above and beyond for our community, and I congratulate her on this well-deserved award. Her selflessness and devotion do not go unnoticed.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAY PINES VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 90th anniversary of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. With the opening of its first domiciliary in 1933, Bay Pines VA became the cornerstone for Veteran healthcare throughout Tampa Bay. Now, the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System proudly serves more than 110,000 Veterans annually across the Southwest region of Florida. Since its inception, its team of dedicated professionals have worked tirelessly to foster an experience that is built on respect and transparency. The team also strives to remain Veteran-focused in all decision-making. As our community celebrates this important milestone, I'd like to congratulate Director Paul Russo and his entire team for their efforts to ensure all Veterans receive the care they've earned and deserve.

HONORING RUBY HYDE

HON. MORGAN McGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor civil rights icon Ms. Ruby Hyde, or as many of us from Louisville call her, Ms. Smoketown, for her unwavering commitment to equality.

Ruby has been a community activist for decades. As the founder of the Smoketown Heritage Festival, she has dedicated herself to honoring and uplifting Louisvillians from all walks of life. From her passion for equality to her volunteer work with Wayside Ministries, Ruby is a shining example of what it means to be a leader. I thank Ruby for everything she does for our community.

HONORING VIVIAN RODRIGUEZ AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Vivian Rodriguez retired from the New York City Police Department after completing 21 years of service and achieving the highest recognition within the Detective Bureau—first grade detective.

During her law enforcement career, she served in many specialized units, including the Organized Crime Control Bureau and the Digital and Executive Protection Unit safeguarding the New York City mayor and his family. Vivian was assigned to the Intelligence Division during the 9/11 terrorist attack and was involved in various covert anti-terrorism operations to secure New York City and the homeland from future terrorist incidents. Vivian worked for several years as a consultant and

trainer with the Department of Homeland Security delivering a national Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Awareness Training Program to State and local law enforcement agencies.

Vivian relocated to Orlando, Florida, after her retirement and became active with the local Orange County Democratic Party where she eventually was elected as the vice chair. As the president of the Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida, Vivian advocated for Latino empowerment and inclusion and became the chair of the Florida Democratic Party Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She has been active with many Hispanic, women, and LGBTQ+ civil rights organizations including Ruth's List and the Human Rights Campaign. Additionally, she was both the president and executive director of the Gay Officers Action League in New York City and Central Florida.

In 2020, Vivian was elected as a DNC member with the Florida delegation. She currently serves on the DNC Women's Executive Committee and is the DNC LGBTQ and DNC Hispanic Caucus southern regional representative. Vivian recently retired on March 31, 2022, after serving more than 5 years as the outreach director and law enforcement coordinator for Congressman DARREN SOTO. She has also worked and contributed her campaign experience with several congressional, State, and local races.

RECOGNIZING GARRETT HOLMES

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Alameda County Sheriff's Department Division Commander and Dublin Police Chief Garrett Holmes on the occasion of his retirement after over 28 years of service on Friday, March 17, 2023.

Growing up in Pleasanton and graduating from Amador Valley High School, Garrett has called the Tri-Valley home for over 45 years. In 2011, he graduated from the FBI National Academy, earning one of the most stringent police officer training certificates in the country.

In 1993, Garrett started his career as a Reserve Deputy with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), working at the North County Jail and Santa Rita Jail. In 2005, Garrett joined Dublin Police Services (DPS), serving on patrol, crime prevention, and investigations. In the years that followed, Garrett took the responsibilities of field training officer and supervisor, patrol supervisor, and administration sergeant, and rose to the rank of Lieutenant. In 2009, Garrett left DPS to serve with ACSO as a Captain and Commanding Officer at the Oakland International Airport.

In 2015, Garrett returned to DPS to oversee operations and administration and, in December 2017, was promoted to Division Commander and Police Chief. Under Garrett's leadership, DPS initiated transparent and accessible community policing, offering regular meetings with the public, publishing a Dublin Police Annual Report, and hosting "Coffee with the Chief" events.

Outside of his career, Garrett has consistently engaged with the community, coaching local Pleasanton soccer and softball teams.

Garrett and his family also run a statewide nonprofit called "Cal Rare" that focuses on advocating for rare disease patients.

For nearly 30 years, Garrett has diligently served the Alameda County community. His dedication to community safety and transparency has made him an asset at DPS and the community. I wish him well-deserved rest, relaxation, and many Major League Baseball stadium visits with his wife, Angela, and his children, Delaney, Cassidy, and Andrew, as he enters this new chapter.

HONORING PHOEBE WOOD

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Phoebe Wood as part of Women's History Month.

As one of Louisville's most active angel investors, Phoebe was named the 2016 Business First Louisville Woman of Achievement, and was named to the Junior Achievement Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame in 2019. She currently chairs the board of trustees for the American Printing House for the Blind, demonstrating her continued commitment to some of our most vulnerable communities. I thank Phoebe for her service to Kentucky's Third District.

TRIBUTE TO DR. VITO IMBASCIANI

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Vito Imbasciani who is retiring after nearly eight years as Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

Vito Imbasciani earned his master's degree and doctorate from Cornell University before attending the University of Vermont College of Medicine where he earned his medical degree. He then attended Yale University School of Medicine where he completed his internship and residency in general surgery and his fellowship in urology.

Dr. Imbasciani's highly decorated career began in 1986 as a surgeon for the U.S. Army Medical Corps where he continued to serve for nearly three decades. During his time serving as a surgeon for the Medical Corps he also held the position of State Surgeon for the California Army National Guard, where he advised the Adjutant General on health issues impacting thousands of national guard members, while working as a field surgeon in Iraq and a Level 3 surgeon at the Landstuhl Army Hospital in Germany. In total he had four deployments including the liberation of Kuwait, Operation Desert Storm and the Global War against Terrorism, earning the rank of colonel and receiving awards such as the Combat Medic Badge and the Meritorious Service Award. In addition to serving his state and country, Dr. Imbasciani worked as Director of Government Relations and as a urologic surgeon for Southern California Permanente Medical Group (Kaiser Permanente).

During the time of his military service, Vito had to conceal his sexual identity due to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. However, because of the unwavering efforts of then-President Obama which resulted in the 2010 repeal of the policy—which Vito was recognized by the president as a source of inspiration for—Dr. Imbasciani and thousands of other service members can now serve their country openly and proudly. Vito's support of the LGBTQ+ community is evident by the creation of a lecture fund, with his spouse, George DiSalvo, in 2013 with the aim of ensuring culturally capable physicians who can provide prevention services and medical care specific to the LGBTQ+ community.

In 2015, Dr. Imbasciani was appointed by then-Governor Jerry Brown as Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs and was reappointed by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2020.

Under Dr. Imbasciani's stellar leadership, the California Department of Veterans Affairs has seen numerous successes, including greatly reducing the backlog of veterans' benefit claims, assisting veterans with receiving home loans, providing funding for thousands of veteran housing units, increasing outreach to women and minority veterans, and providing legal assistance to veterans seeking citizenship. Other noteworthy accomplishments include introducing the California Transition Assistance Program (CalTAP) to educate veterans about their benefits, opening a long-awaited cemetery in Monterey County for veterans and eligible family members, providing veterans with much-needed mental health treatment, and one of his personal highlights, achieving the best nursing home ratings from U.S. News and World Report for their homes in Redding, Yountville, Chula Vista, Barstow and Fresno.

Dr. Vito Imbasciani has been an invaluable asset and outstanding public servant and I ask all Members to join me in thanking him for his service as Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

HONORING RUTHANNE CONNOR-KING AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, as regular visitors from Syracuse, Ruthanne and her husband knew that Hunter's Creek was the place for them after retirement in 2014. Ruthanne immediately began exploring opportunities for involvement. She joined her neighborhood committee and became an active member of the Council of Directors, comprised of all neighborhood representatives. She joined the Hunter's Creek Emergency Response Team, whose training allows resident assistance in an emergency, such as a hurricane.

In 2015, Ruthanne was elected to the Hunter's Creek Community Association Master Board of Directors. She has served faithfully and is currently president; she previously served as director, secretary, and vice president. Ruthanne has been involved in countless initiatives, including working with local

government to voice concerns regarding a proposal to bisect Hunter's Creek by using the 417 as a highspeed rail corridor. She worked tirelessly to fight development of the former Hunter's Creek Golf Course parcel, since current infrastructure cannot support dense growth. Her involvement in the community's multi-million-dollar investment in responsible stormwater management has been crucial in maintaining Hunter's Creek as a premier community. She was chosen by Commissioner Nicole Wilson to participate in county redistricting efforts. She is a proponent of a plan to maximize community greenspaces.

Ruthanne is very vocal about volunteerism and its essential role in maintaining a thriving and vibrant society. Though her career experience has served her well, she possesses qualities that easily surpass her business background. Ruthanne's care for the community and its people is unparalleled. An advocate for open lines of communication and civil discourse, she is respectful of all views and strives to make the best decisions for the greater good, which can be challenging with input from a population of 25,000. Ruthanne is a strong leader and her indelible mark upon her community will remain for generations to come.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION REQUIRING MEMBERS AND STAFF TO RECEIVE MEDICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

THE OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a resolution to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to require every Member, officer and employee of the House of Representatives to receive medical emergency preparedness training, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). Requiring all Members and staff to be trained in medical emergency preparedness would help ensure that care is immediately available to those in the Capitol Complex experiencing a medical emergency.

Individuals trained in medical emergency preparedness can provide vital care during medical emergencies. When Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was wounded during a 2011 mass shooting, Daniel Hernández Jr., her 20-year-old college intern, provided Giffords with lifesaving CPR.

When responding to a medical emergency, every second counts. For example, immediate CPR and the use of an AED can make a critical difference for those experiencing cardiac arrest. CPR can double or triple the chance of surviving a cardiac arrest, and the survival rate of cardiac arrest decreases by ten percent for every minute that defibrillation is delayed.

Millions of Americans saw the value of CPR and the use of an AED during the Buffalo Bills football game on January 2, 2023, when Bills player Damar Hamlin suffered cardiac arrest during the game. Team personnel performed CPR and used an AED on Hamlin, likely saving his life.

Staff from the Office of the Attending Physician and Capitol Police officers, while trained in medical emergency intervention, are not always immediately available in a medical emergency. Widespread training in CPR and the use of AEDs can help save lives during medical emergencies in the Capitol Complex.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

**HONORING THE LIFETIME RACING
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF UPSTATE
NEW YORK'S PAT BORELLO**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of Upstate New York's Pat Borello, an acclaimed NASCAR crew chief whose racecar was inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Mr. Borello was raised in Watertown, New York and spent his childhood in close proximity to his father's trucking company. As a young man, he was enamored with trucks and their mechanics, and when his father collaborated with a local racecar driver in 1963, his love of racing took hold. He built his first racecar during his sophomore year of high school, and, in 1976, he began working as the crew chief for racecar driver Jerry Cook. Mr. Borello had an illustrious career, achieving the honor of being named the 1977 Crew Chief of the year and being a vital part of a championship run. Pat eventually returned home to his father's garage where he continued to work closely with local racecar drivers.

In 2007, Pat moved to North Carolina and reconnected with his old racing partner, Jerry Cook. He eventually got his hands on some original parts from Cook's championship winning racecar and began to restore the antique car back into racing condition. In 2021, the car was placed in the North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame and was later moved to the NASCAR Hall of Fame's "Glory Road" in Charlotte. An honor which represents Pat's lifelong dedication to racing and his many years working to perfect his craft.

Mr. Borello's commitment to racing has led to the enshrinement of Upstate New York in the NASCAR Hall of Fame and shows what dedication to one's passion can accomplish. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, it is my honor to celebrate the many accomplishments of Pat Borello.

HONORING DR. KIMBERLY BOLAND

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Kimberly Boland for her leadership at the University of Louisville.

Dr. Boland is the chair of the University of Louisville's Department of Pediatrics, and is a leader in the improvement of medical education both in the community and across our country. She also serves as the chief of staff for North Children's Hospital ensuring our chil-

dren have access to the best care. Her dedication to community advocacy has set a generation of medical students up for success. I thank Dr. Boland for everything she does for Louisville.

**HONORING MARIA EMMA
FERNANDEZ AS A DISTIN-
GUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH**

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Maria Emma Fernandez, from Colombia, South America, came to the United States in the early 1990s. She has a bachelor's degree in the arts and has lived in Orange County, Florida, since 2003.

She has taught Spanish and art at various levels in school and has been a substitute teacher in Orange County public schools. In addition, she has worked with students to plan and organize programs and events related to Spanish language clubs.

While living in St. Louis, Missouri, Maria worked with Grupo Atlántico, a dance group, giving workshops and teaching volunteers how to showcase the art and culture of Latin American and Caribbean countries.

Maria, who is married and has a son, loves art, books, and culture. She started a club in Central Florida called Tertulia4gatos that now meets in 12 public libraries in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. This club encourages people to enjoy reading, listening to music, and performing. The group includes artists such as painters, sculptors, dancers, poets, and writers.

Maria is empowering cultural managers to help artists and writers find places to showcase their work or display their talents and to be recognized for it. Tertulia4gatos is now 16 years old and has more than 3,000 participants through various activities from weekly meetings to art festivals and book readings. There also is a club at the University of Central Florida. This volunteer program fosters unity among Spanish-speaking cultures.

"What would the world be without art," Maria said.

Maria loves all cultures and their accomplishments, but most important is her love for family, books, and art. Her goal is to unite her community, foster equality, and ensure that Hispanics remember their roots.

"I volunteer because art can change the world," she said. "We are inspiring hearts."

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
ROBERT "BOBBY" GARCIA**

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Robert "Bobby" Garcia, a United States Air Force veteran, an esteemed educator, and a respected member of the community in Deer Park, Texas. Bobby

passed away on March 3, 2023, at the age of 79.

Bobby was born on March 2, 1944, in San Antonio, Texas, to Elias Garcia and Minerva Garcia. Several years after his father returned from World War II, the Garcia family relocated to the Houston area, settling in Bellaire, Texas. At the age of 17, Bobby obtained his barber license and spent his time outside of school working for his father at the Triangle Barber Shop.

He stepped away from college and enlisted in the Air Force on January 24, 1966. He served three consecutive years overseas, which included time in England and Vietnam, where he was involved in the Mini Tet Offensive. When Bobby's tour of duty was over on July 10, 1969, he returned to Travis Air Force Base in California and received an honorable discharge.

Following his military service, Bobby went back to college, earning a bachelor's and master's in education and a doctorate in philosophy. Throughout his 42 years in education, Bobby received numerous awards as an educator and touched the lives of countless students, parents, and colleagues. He was always ready to provide guidance and encouragement to others.

In his retirement, Bobby served as Second Vice President for the Pasadena Area Retired School Educators and on the Deer Park Community Advisory Council. Outside of participating in church activities, Bobby focused on veteran outreach and was involved with organizations such as Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, Air Force Cyberspace and Air Traffic Control Association, Tan Son Nhut Association, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

Bobby was a treasured resource for my staff and me, often working with us to ensure local veterans received their rightful benefits. He also served on my Service Academy selection panel for the last seven years. His service in the Air Force and decades in education provided us with an insight unlike any other as we evaluated and selected America's future military leaders. My staff and I will miss him dearly.

However, I know we are not alone. Bobby's magnetic personality will be missed and remembered by all who had the pleasure of meeting him. He connected with others by sharing his stories, and he left behind a legacy of love, sacrifice, compassion, and wisdom.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Garcia; his brother, Daniel Garcia, and wife, Carol; his brother, David Garcia, and wife, Lisa; his daughter, Shelly Jaynes, and husband, Russell; his son, Thomas Garcia, and wife, Cindy; his son, Kevin Lee, and wife, Kristen; and his son, Ariel Pena. He also leaves behind six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, it is such a privilege to celebrate the life of a beloved community leader and my dear friend, Bobby Garcia. He would often quote, "If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours." I am certain that those of us who knew him will never be without a smile when remembering his commitment to God, his loved ones, and his friends, and my most sincere prayers remain with them at this time.

HONORING KARINA BARILLAS

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Karina Barillas for her dedication to Louisville's Latin American community.

A native of Guatemala, Karina came to the United States as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Louisville. She has spent her career advocating for women's rights, and as executive director of La Casita Center in my district, champions the well-being of our city's Latin American community.

She is a steadfast champion for women and immigrant rights, and I thank her for her service to Louisville.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JAMES CRAWFORD**HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of James Crawford who passed away on February 28th of this year. James was a devoted father, husband, and man of faith who will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

James will long be remembered for many meaningful contributions he made to his community. He was founder and director of both Community Faith Partners and the Herald Examiner, a newspaper he published with his wife Nancy for 32 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the memory of James Crawford. While we mourn his passing, we celebrate his life and the legacy he leaves behind. May his life and memory always be a blessing.

HONORING JENNY MOHESS AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CEN-
TRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Jenny Mohess hails from Trinidad and Tobago and has lived in Osceola County for over 23 years. She stepped onto Valencia College's campus in 2000 as an international student. She earned her associate of science in graphics from Valencia College, a bachelor's degree in business from the University of South Florida, and a master's degree in art education from Boston University. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in educational leadership. Another milestone for Ms. Mohess was becoming a United States citizen in 2012. These experiences led to a career at Apple Inc. and Microsoft Corp. and allowed her to own a design studio. Jenny has also taught at Valencia College for over 15 years and has found a genuine purpose for mentoring future graphic/web

designers through the Valencia Graphics Program.

In 2018, she worked on a project to take the graphics program into the Osceola School District and build the program at Tohopekaliga High School—a new STEAM high school with a focus on arts and career and technical education. The program is now the No. 1 program in the district and won an Adobe World Champion Design Competition in 2022 after 4 short years of being active.

Jenny has made it her mission to live her passion of being a servant leader in her community and will fight for all rights of students despite where they come from. She strongly believes if they work hard, they can achieve anything. It takes a village and for someone to care about their goals and dreams.

Jenny has also served the community through the Hope Partnership and is a board member of the Arts Education Coalition—a volunteer group committed to art education in Osceola County. In her spare time, Jenny loves animals and has pets of her own, Teddy, Lily Cocoa, Quincy, and Phoebe. She has also been a committed mentor with Take Stock in Children.

HONORING CARMELLIA JACKSON-
HURLEY**HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carmellia Jackson-Hurley for her commitment to the Louisville community.

As executive director of Louisville Girls Leadership, she provides young girls in Louisville opportunities to grow their self-development and leadership skills through education, advocacy, and action. Carmellia also works as a therapist, helping members of our community heal.

Her work to inspire the next generation of women leaders means a great deal to me and so many Louisvillians. I thank Carmellia for her service.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF SIG
HUTCHINSON**HON. WILEY NICKEL**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to pay tribute to the distinguished career of Wake County Commissioner Sig Hutchinson. It's my privilege to recognize his invaluable contributions to the people and communities of Wake County and to wish him a well-deserved and happy retirement.

Born in west Texas, Commissioner Hutchinson moved to Raleigh after graduating with a bachelor's degree from Texas Technical College and earning a master's degree in education from the University of South Carolina. He began exploring Wake County's greenway trails with his family recreationally and saw the untapped potential to make Wake County a more accessible and sustainable community.

Commissioner Hutchinson has served on the Wake County Board of Commissioners

since 2014 and has successfully led seven bond referendums totaling over \$400 million in Wake County and the City of Raleigh.

Commissioner Hutchinson's efforts to preserve open space, expand the greenway system, and make communities healthy and livable have earned him a reputation as a champion for the environment and for public health.

In addition to his work as a county commissioner, Commissioner Hutchinson has held leadership roles in numerous regional and State boards and associations, including the Triangle Land Conservancy, Advocates for Health in Action, and NC Prevention Partners. He currently serves in leadership positions with the Upper Neuse River Basin Association, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Live Well Wake, National Association of Counties, and Go Triangle.

I'd like to extend my sincerest gratitude to Commissioner Sig Hutchinson for his years of service to North Carolina and to wish him all the best in his retirement from the Wake County Board of Commissioners. He will be deeply missed, but his legacy of community development and environmental stewardship will endure for generations to come.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Commissioner Sig Hutchinson.

HONORING LASHANNA WARD AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CEN-
TRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, LaShanna Ward is a mother of one and currently works for the Osceola County School District as a dean secretary at St. Cloud Middle School. She currently assists the nurse's clinic, athletic department, and various other programs. She is on the ESP bargaining team and is the incoming vice president of ESP of her local union. She has also been a cafeteria monitor, a paraprofessional for special education students, a self-care aide, and a paraprofessional for in-school suspension. She has worked for the summer extended day learning program for over 4 years. She was also in the nursing field and started as a CNA for about 15 years and has been a member of a volunteer EMS Corp for over 20 years at the Brentwood Legion Ambulance Corps in Brentwood, New York. She lived in Brentwood for more than 38 years.

She attended Brentwood schools and graduated in 1998 from Brentwood Soderling High School. Then she started with the Brentwood Legion Ambulance as an explorer of post 325 in 1996 and has been a member there ever since, holding various positions in EMS which she still holds. She has also been vice president of a group called the African People Association. She then worked with many other groups throughout the area such as Head Start and Harvest Time Ministries & Worship Center. She moved to Florida on November 1, 2015, and is a person who most of all loves the Lord and enjoys being a part of many groups in the church, such as the director of the music ministry, praise team, missionary, and children and youth ministry. She

loves to sing, praise, dance, and help where she is needed in her community and employment.

HONORING ELIZABETH WESSELS-MARTIN

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Wessels-Martin for her tremendous service to Louisville.

Her work as the CEO of the Center for Women and Families has helped so many community members at some of the most vulnerable times in their lives. Louisville's Center for Women and Families serves community members who are victims of intimate partner violence and sexual assault, offering them safety and comfort. Elizabeth's dedication to addressing domestic violence and helping victims recover and rebuild their lives is inspiring. I thank her for her service.

RECOGNIZING A YOUNG HERO,
ASHER MILLESS

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very brave young man from the Sixth Congressional District. In November, 4-year-old Asher Milless saved his mother's life during a medical emergency.

Rachel Milless, Asher's mother, was at her home in Orrock Township when she suddenly collapsed in their kitchen. Asher sprung into action, calling his grandmother for help, who was able to contact Asher's father.

After speaking with Asher's grandmother, Asher's father, Tyler, called 9-1-1 with help on the way, Asher unlocked the front door so paramedics could get inside. Amazingly, Asher was even able to get his mother's nebulizer working and comfort her until help arrived.

Once on the scene, paramedics were able to stabilize Rachel and get her to the hospital. Without Asher's quick thinking, Rachel likely wouldn't be alive today.

As a result of his quick thinking and courageous actions, Asher was recently awarded the Life Saving Award by the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office for his outstanding work and I congratulate him on his award.

HONORING THE SELFLESS LIFE
AND SERVICE OF ROBERT VOGT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of United States Marine Corps Private Robert Vogt.

Robert was born on July 10, 1936, and spent his childhood growing up in his birthplace of Troy, New York. In 1953, when he was still in high school, Robert enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served as a Parachute Rigger and was assigned to Parris Island Platoon 262, Naval Air Technical Training Center Class P, and Parachute Rigger School Class A. After three years of active service, Robert joined the Marine Corps Reserves in 1956 and was ultimately honorably discharged in 1961. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal for his valiant service.

Following his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, Robert earned his high school diploma and went to work for the Bendix Corporation as a machine operator in their Friction Materials Division. He was active in his local United Auto Worker No. 1508, serving as their recording secretary for many years. In 1985, following a heart attack, he was forced to retire from the Bendix Corporation but remained involved in his local community, serving as the President of the HUDMO Valley Federal Credit Union, eventually being named the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee.

In addition to serving his country and his community, Robert was a dedicated family man. He enjoyed spending time with his wife of 45 years, Ann, and their four children. Upon his passing in 2004, he was survived by 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Robert lived a full life that demonstrated his utmost dedication to his country, his community, and his family. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize the life and service of Robert Vogt.

HONORING REBA DOUTRICK

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reba Doutrick for her lifelong commitment to making Louisville a better place to live.

Reba has been an activist throughout her life, having worked with the Louisville Arena Authority, Harbor House, Louisville Redevelopment Authority, Louisville Red Cross, Salva-

tion Army, Boys and Girls Club, and Southwest Hospital. I thank Reba for her tireless dedication to our community.

HONORING DR. DEBRA PACE AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Debra Pace assumed the position of superintendent of the Osceola School District in March 2016. Dr. Pace has an extensive background in both instructional and operational leadership, serving as principal for Poinciana and Harmony High Schools and as deputy superintendent for secondary in the Osceola School District from 2003 to 2011. She also served as associate superintendent for the human resources services division for Brevard Public Schools from 2011 to 2016 before returning to the Osceola School District. As a lifelong resident, student, parent, teacher, and leader in the Osceola School District and Osceola community, she has demonstrated both pride and passion in leading the school district forward and serving all children in the community with a commitment to excellence.

Highlights of her successful career include fostering academic achievement within diverse cultures, developing high-quality programs that directly impact student performance, staffing, and professional development of instructional and non-instructional employees in direct support of students, allocating resources responsibly to meet the needs of schools and the district, and developing strong leadership pipelines to reflect the community's diverse student body. As superintendent, she has built strong relationships with local, State, and Federal governments and business leaders, raised expectations for both students and staff, and provided strong leadership to ensure that the school system functions effectively as a critical entity focused on student success to strengthen and improve economic development and diversification, quality of life, and community pride. She currently serves on the University of Central Florida School of Teacher Education Advisory Board, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention State Advisory Group, the United Arts of Central Florida Board of Directors, and the Florida Association of District School Superintendents Board of Directors.

Dr. Pace earned her bachelors degree in foreign language-international trade from Auburn University, a master's degree in English education, and a doctorate in education from the University of Central Florida.